Staff Summary Report



City Council Meeting Date: 06/19/03 Agenda Item Number: 49

SUBJECT: This is the first public hearing for Friendship Village – Phase "A" for an Amended Preliminary Planned Area Development and a Final Planned Area Development for a

wellness center at 2645 East Southern Avenue.

DOCUMENT NAME: 20030619dsrh11

PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406)

SUPPORTING DOCS: Yes

COMMENTS: PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (0406) Hold the first public hearing for FRIENDSHIP VILLAGE - PHASE "A" (Friendship Village of Tempe, property owner) #SPD-

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2003.38 for an Amended Preliminary Planned Area Development (PAD) consisting of a 552,480 s.f. total building area of the retirement community on 51.2 net acres and a Final Planned Area Development for a wellness center (Phase "A") consisting of 4,360 s.f. on

0.82 net acres, located at 2645 East Southern Avenue, including the following:

Variances:

Increase the maximum allowed building height from 35 feet to 60 feet in the R-4

Zoning District.

PREPARED BY: Hector Tapia, Senior Planner (480-350-8586)

REVIEWED BY: Steve Venker, Planning & Zoning Manager (480-350-8920)

LEGAL REVIEW BY: N/A

FISCAL NOTE: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Staff Approval

Planning Commission – Approval (5/13/2003)

ADDITIONAL INFO:

The Friendship Village retirement community (originally called "Casa Madre") was approved in October 1974. In 1996, a zoning change from R1-4 to R-4 was granted by City Council, making the nursing care facility a conforming use in the R-4 District. Also in 1996, a third amended PAD was approved to expand the existing nursing facility, with a variance for a courtyard separation. Now, the Friendship Village retirement community proposes to amend the PAD to remove existing buildings, construct a new building for a wellness center (Phase "A"), and remodel other facilities, all through seven construction phases. Staff supports this request subject to conditions. Note: On June 2, 2003, City

Council introduced this request.

ATTACHMENTS: 1.

- 1. List of Attachments
- 2. Comments
- 3-4. Conditions of Approval
- 5. History & Facts / Description
- A. Location Map
- B. Letter of Explanation/Intent
- C. Letter of Authorization
- D. Preliminary Planned Area Development (PAD)
- E. Final PAD, Wellness Center
- F. Building Elevations, Wellness Center
- G. Construction Phasing Plan
- H. Aerial Photo

COMMENTS:

The Friendship Village retirement community (originally called "Casa Madre") was approved in October 1974 on a site that was zoned R-4 and R-TH. R-TH was a multifamily residential zone and was intended for town houses. In 1995, the residential districts within Tempe were revised. Among the changes, the R-TH District was eliminated and replaced by the R1-4, Single Family District. The nursing home at Friendship Village, in the R1-4 District, became a nonconforming use. In 1996, a zoning change from R1-4 to R-4 was granted by City Council, making the nursing care facility a conforming use in the R-4 District. In addition in 1996, a third amended PAD was approved to expand the existing nursing facility, with a variance for a courtyard separation.

Friendship Village offers two types of accommodations for the elderly—independent living in "casitas" or apartments, or a full-care nursing home for those who can't take care of themselves. The assisted living facility fills a gap between those two levels of care. It offers a place for those residents who are ambulatory and basically independent, but needing some help with daily tasks. A new high skill nursing facility is under construction at the southwest corner of Southern Avenue and Evergreen Road, across the street to the west of the main campus.

The proposed new building, building addition and the remodel of existing facilities will be consistent with the previously approved Planned Area Development (PAD). The proposed five-story building will be placed away from the single-family homes located west of Evergreen Road. The new wellness center building, within the master retirement community, should blend well as part of the overall master plan.

Neighborhood

Friendship Village occupies a site of more than fifty acres. On the south is Ehrhardt Park, which lies between Friendship Village and the Superstition Freeway. On the east is the Desert Samaritan Hospital, located across the Tempe Canal. To the north are medical offices, located across Southern Avenue. The other, bordering land use is the single-family neighborhood to the southwest across Evergreen Road. Staff received only one phone call requesting information, but the caller stated no concerns.

Variance

The requested variance is to increase the maximum allowed building height from 35 feet to 60 feet. The proposed new five-story building, the two-story addition and remodel will be in the middle of the property and away from the adjacent neighborhood. This variance relates to a future phase only. Staff feels that this variance should not be detrimental to adjacent property owners or the neighborhood in general.

Parking/Circulation

The traffic generated from the new building should be minimal since the new village center replaces an existing building and expands existing uses and services within the retirement community. Traffic generated from this community should travel north along Evergreen Road then onto Southern Avenue. The "Main Street" through the middle of this new project would open the interior space between the new buildings and serve also as drop-off area and for a fire lane, therefore providing better pedestrian and auto circulation on site.

On February 7, 2002, City Council approved a similar request but due to few plan changes and the previous approved height variance expired, this proposal is basically a request for re-approval. Staff recommends approval subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval

REASONS FOR APPROVAL:

- 1. The proposed new building, building addition and the remodel of existing facilities should enhance the Friendship Village community.
- 2. Since the requested building height variance is for the proposed new five-story building to be placed away, a future phase, from the adjacent neighborhood, the requested variance should not be detrimental to adjacent property owners or the neighborhood in general.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL:

- 1. a. The Public Works Department shall approve all roadway, alley, and utility easement dedications, driveways, storm water retention, and street drainage plans, water and sewer construction drawings, refuse pickup, and off-site improvements.
 - b. Off-site improvements to bring roadways to current standards include:
 - (1) Water lines and fire hydrants
 - (2) Sewer lines
 - (3) Storm drains.
 - (4) Roadway improvements including street lights, curb, gutter, bikepath, sidewalk, bus shelter, and related amenities.
 - c. Fees to be paid with the development of this project include:
 - (1) Water and sewer development fees.
 - (2) Water and/or sewer participation charges.
 - (3) Inspection and testing fees.
- 2. a. Public improvements must be installed prior to the issuance of any occupancy permits. Any phasing shall be approved by the Public Works Department.
 - b. All new and existing, as well as on-site and off-site, utility lines (other than transmission lines) shall be placed underground prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit for this development in accordance with Ordinance No. 88.85.
- 3. No variances may be created by future property lines without the prior approval of the City of Tempe.
- 4. A valid building permit shall be obtained and substantial construction commenced within one year of the date of Council approval or the variance shall be deemed null and void.
- 5. The Preliminary and Final Planned Area Development (PAD) shall be recorded on, or before, July 10, 2004 with the Maricopa County Recorder's Office through the City of Tempe's Development Services Department. Planning Division staff shall review details of the document format prior to recordation.

- 6. The applicant shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws regarding archeological artifacts on this site.
- 7. The applicant/owner shall provide a continuing care condition, covenant and restriction for all of the project's landscaping, required by Ordinance or located in any common area on site. The CC&R's shall be in a form satisfactory to the Development Services Manager and City Attorney.

HISTORY & FACTS:

June 27, 1974 The City Council denied the request for rezoning and a Planned Residential Development for

the Casa Madre Retirement Community.

October 7, 1974 The City Council reconsidered and approved rezoning and a P.R.D. for the Casa Madre

Retirement Community [now called Friendship Village].

July 10, 1986 The City Council approved the second amended P.A.D., a final P.A.D. for Phases II & III.

February 21, 1995 The Hearing Officer granted a variance to allow perimeter fences to be 8 ft. high.

June 19, 1996 The Design Review Board approved the requested building elevations, site plan, and

landscape plan for this assisted living facility.

August 29, 1996 The City Council approved a zoning change from R1-4 to R-4 and an Amended Preliminary

and a Final Planned Area Development for Friendship Village.

February 7, 2002. City Council approved an Amended Preliminary PAD for Friendship Village totaling

684,182 s.f. of existing buildings including a new addition (including 508 garden

homes/apartment units, and a health center facility with 166 beds), all on 51.2 net acres. The proposed new buildings and renovation of existing facilities total 211,885 s.f (191,205 s.f. for a five-story village center and 20,680 s.f. for a two-story assisted living building addition) on 6.03 net acres, and building height variance from 35 feet to 60 feet. Since the PAD was

not recorded, the approved variance expired.

May 13, 2003. Planning Commission approved an Amended Preliminary Planned Area Development (PAD)

consisting of a 552,480 s.f. total building area of the retirement community on 51.2 net acres and a Final Planned Area Development for a wellness center (Phase "A") consisting of 4.360

s.f. on 0.82 net acres, including a building height variance.

June 2, 2003. City Council introduced this request.

DESCRIPTION: Owner – Tempe Life Care Village, Inc.

Applicant – Mike Montgomery Architect – OWP&P Architects Engineer – Dibble & Associates

Existing Zoning – R1-4, 30.4 acres; R-4, 20.8 acres

Total Site Area-51.2 acres

Total Building Area – 552,480 s.f. Maximum Allowed Lot Coverage – 40%

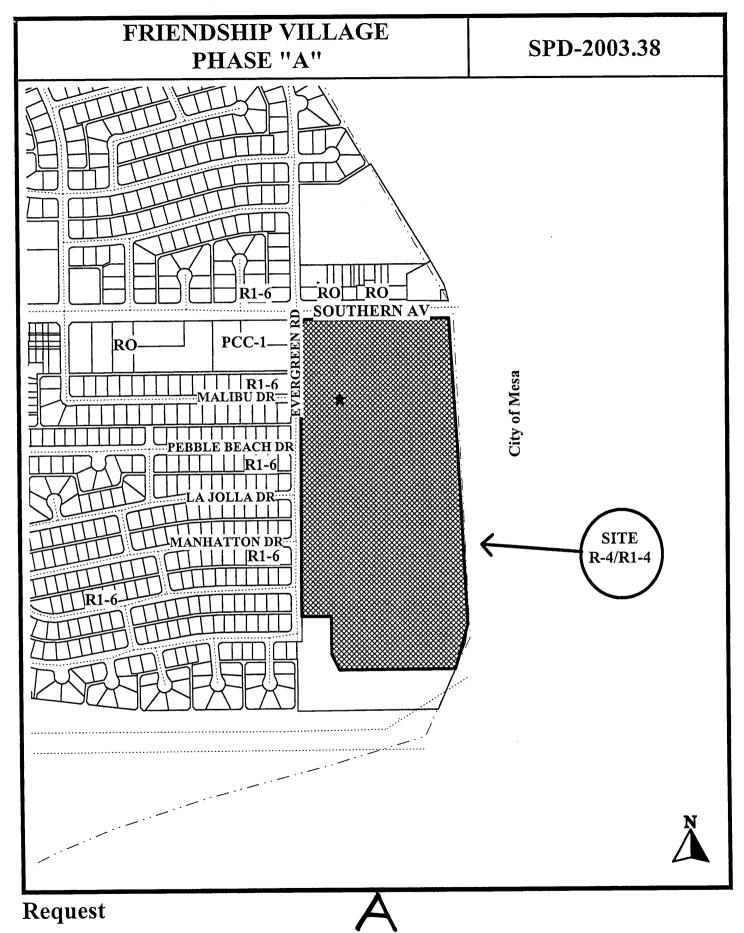
Provided Lot Coverage—17.43%
Total Parking Required - 600 spaces
Total Parking Provided — 621 spaces
Total Bicycle Parking required — 4
Total Bicycle Parking provided — 4
Minimum Landscaping Required — 30%

Landscaping Provided – 30%

Final PAD, Wellness Center, Phase "A"

Total Building Area – 4,360 s.f.





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DESIGN/BUILD

April 24, 2003



Friendship Village of Tempe

Letter of Explanation/Intent - Wellness Center

Project Description

The Friendship Village retirement community is undergoing major renovation and development to expand the existing facility. This expansion and renovation will be done in several phases. During the various phases required for this development, the utilities and services for the existing facility need to be maintained.

The goal of the Wellness Center is to provide expanded services for the residential facility that will be built in a later phase of this project. The Wellness Center, which is a fitness center for the community, will temporarily serve as an Auditorium for one and a half years, while the existing Auditorium/Convocation is demolished and replaced with a larger facility.

The existing pool house building will be demolished and the existing pool equipment will be maintained. The new Wellness Center will be built in the same location. It will not only support the pool, with restrooms and changing rooms, but will also have exercise rooms and spa treatment rooms for the residents.

The design materials and colors used in the Wellness Center tie into the design of the new expansion and renovation of the community.

The new Wellness Center is in a R-4 zone, and is within all zoning requirements. This new construction will not affect traffic, noise or air pollution is the area.

We have met with the Building Safety Department, the Planning and Zoning Department and the Fire Department regarding the design and safety of this building. Their comments and suggestions are reflected in the floor plans.

The drawings provided in this PAD indicate parking and roads around the Wellness Center that will be modified in a future phase of this project as the Friendship Village community undergoes expansion.

Variance for Height

The variance filed with this PAD does not apply to the Wellness Center, but is sought for the building to be built in a future phase of this project. The variance sought is to permit an increase in height in an R-4 zone from thirty-five feet to sixty feet.

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August 12, 2002

To Whom It May Concern:

As owner of the above-referenced property, I hereby authorize OWP&P to act as our agent for the submittal of applications, fees, drawings, and other required information for the City of Tempe.

Sincerely,

Darrell Jensen

Executive Director

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A Life-Care Retirement Community
2645 East Southern Avenue Tempe, Arizona 85282
(480) 831-0880

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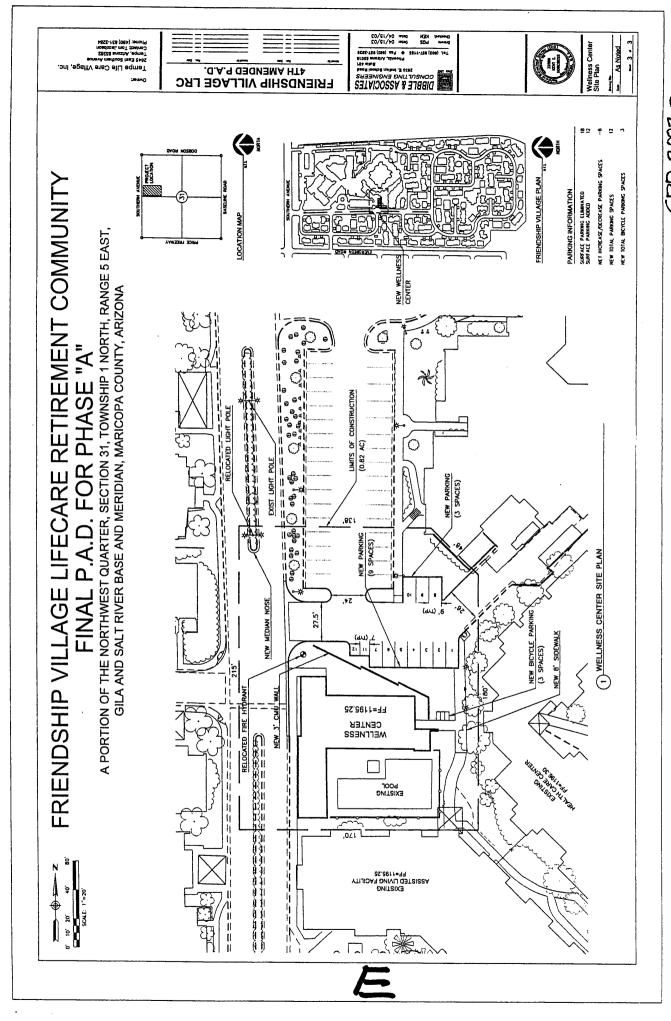
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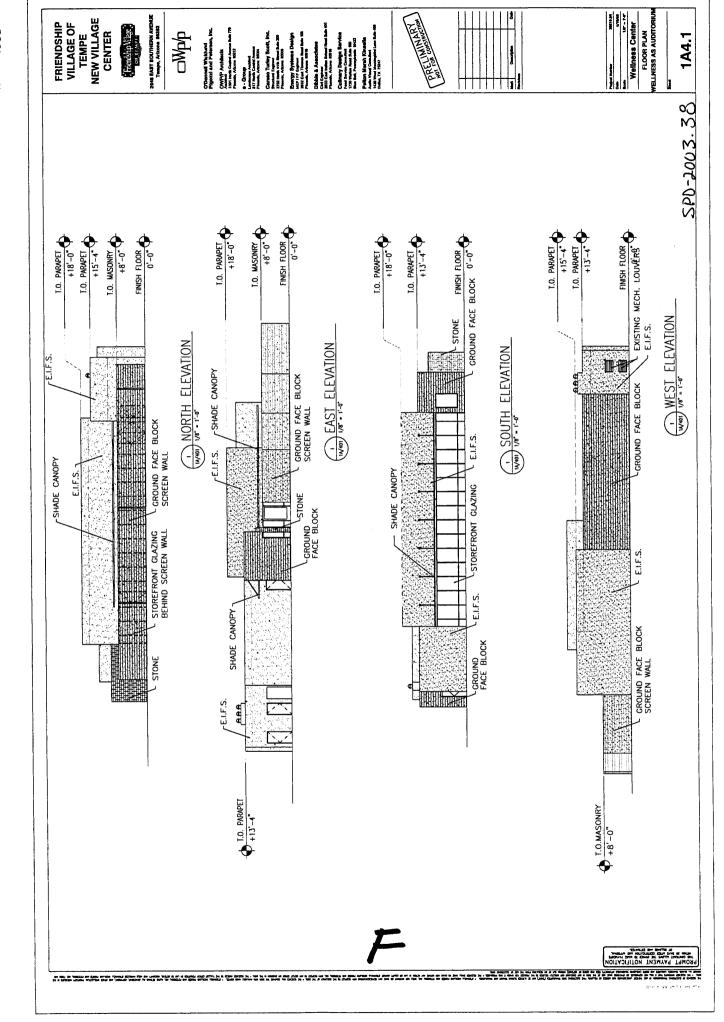
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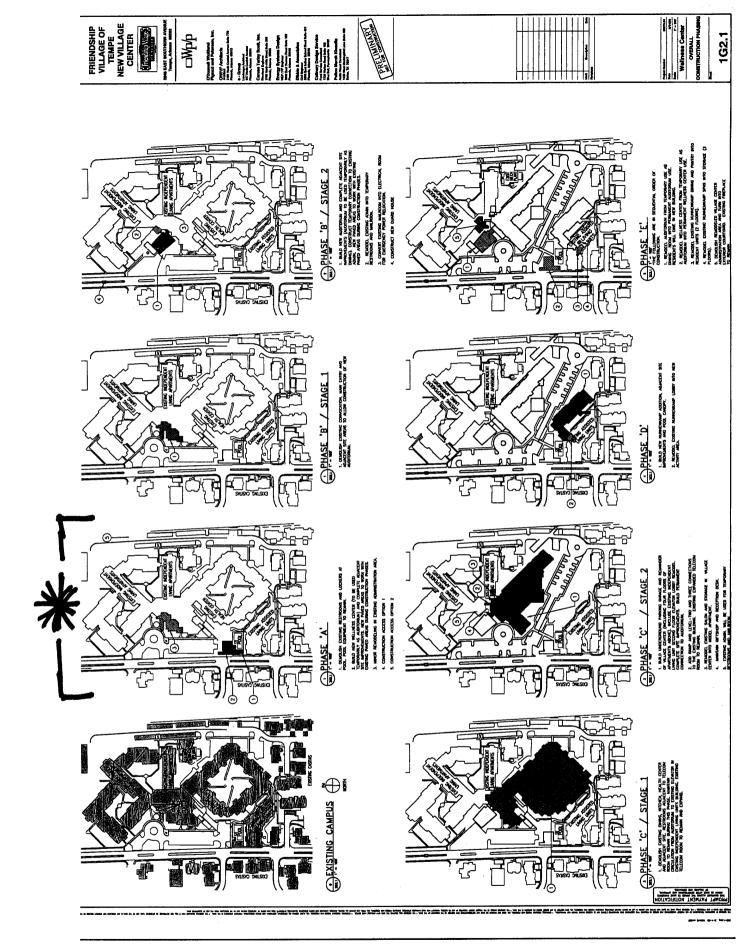
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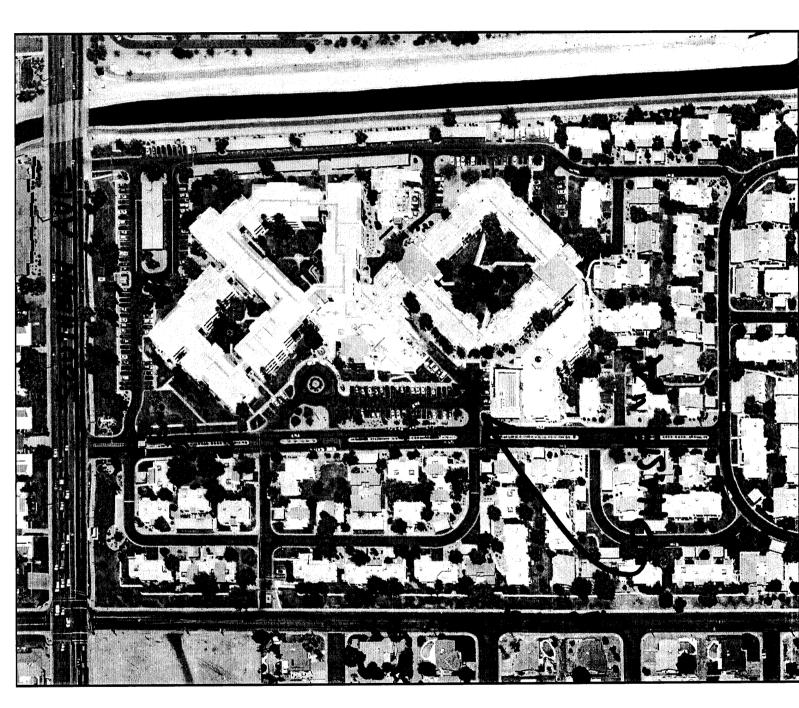
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